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SUBJECT: CUBANA AFRICAN FLIGHT

1. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL SOURCE, CUBANA'S MARCH 12 HAVANA TO ANGOLA FLIGHT (CU 490) WAS DELAYED HERE BY A TECHNICAL PROBLEM AND THE 80 PLUS PASSENGERS WERE TEMPORARILY HOUSED IN CARIBEE HOTEL. SAME SOURCE, A NON-BARBADIAN POLICEMAN WHO SPEAKS SOME SPANISH, SAYS PASSENGERS APPEARED NOT TO BE SOLDIERS BUT RATHER OLDER AND BETTER EDUCATED. HE HAD IMPRESSION THEY WERE MEDICAL DOCTORS, ENGINEERS AND TECHNICANS. SOURCE CLAIMS SOME WERE VOCALLY DISGRUNTLED AT PROSPECT OF ANGOLAN ASSIGNMENT AND ONE WAS OVERHEAD GROUSING TO HIS COMRADES THAT HE HAD BEEN "SNATCHED" FROM PRESENCE OF HIS BRIDE OF TWO WEEKS AND HUSTLED ONTO DEPARTING AIRCRAFT. GROUP SECURITY WAS VISIBLY TIGHT WITH PASSENGERS NOT PERMITTED TO VISIT HOTEL WASHROOMS UNESCORTED.

2. SAME OR REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY DEPARTED MARCH 13.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OTHER REPORTS OF DISSATISFACTION AMONG CUBAN PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA, EMBASSY FEELS ABOVE UNCONFIRMED INFO MAY BE OF INTEREST. END COMMENT.
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